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For: METHOD FOR THE PURIFICATION OF A MOLTEN METAL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting herewith the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b were cited in the September 9, 2008 Office Action (copy is enclosed) in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/492,226. The '226 application lists the same inventor as the present invention.

Also enclosed is the September 3, 2008 Office Action from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/516,888. The '888 application lists the same inventor as both the present application and U.S. Patent Application No. '226.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the first office action on the merits. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

Respectfully submitted,

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